

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (VOSAP) COLLABORATIVE
AUGUST 24, 2018 – 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.
VIRGINIA ABC, 2901 HERMITAGE ROAD, RICHMOND, VA 23220

VOSAP Collaborative Members in attendance:

Abby Pendleton, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (Virginia ABC)
Monica Jackson, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
SFC Douglas Perry, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
Nicole Shipp, Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS)
Gail Taylor, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Kristina Fawcett, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for Donna Michaelis
Marge White, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) for Marty Kilgore
Mary Crozier, Community Coalitions of Virginia (CCoVA)

VOSAP Collaborative Members not present:

Art Mayer, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
James Christian, DCJS
Jean Hoyt, Dept. of Health (VDH)
Jessica Lambertson, Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Jodi Manz, Assistant Secretary of Health & Human Resources
Krystal Murray, Virginia State Police/YOVASO
Marty Kilgore, VFHY
Mary King, Virginia State Police/YOVASO
Donna Michaelis, DCJS
LTC William X Taylor, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Commander
Vanessa Wigand, Dept. of Education

Welcome and introductions

We opened the meeting by introducing ourselves. The following Collaborative changes are noted: Nicole Shipp is the interim representative for DSS. Abby Pendleton is the new VOSAP Facilitator.

The collaborative started the meeting reviewing a piece of the Code of Virginia (§4.1 – 103.02.) that directly relates to VOSAP representation. The collaborative will work to ensure that all agencies of the Commonwealth that coordinate substance abuse prevention activities are represented in the collaborative and/or through VOSAP resources.

Additionally, a calendar of the year, through May 2019, was presented that included meeting dates and times as well as reporting dates and times. A request for meeting location hosts was made.

Review of May 17, 2018 Meeting Summary

Updates to the May 17, 2018 Meeting Summary were made to update spelling errors.

Partnership for Success (PFS) Grant Advisory Committee Role and State Epidemiological Workgroup Report from Gail Taylor

Funding was awarded for a fourth year. Grant funding for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) is 1.2 million dollars.

The final Epidemiological Workgroup Report will be out soon and the data will be shared with VOSAP Collaborative members. Previous data from the workgroup has been located on the Social Indicator Dashboard and has been a great use for communities and coalitions to plan from.

DBHDS News and Updates

Gail shared that DBHDS was awarded, for the second year, a State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) grant. DBHDS plans to continue to fund Community Service Board (CSB) efforts to fund with coalitions in order to address the opioid issue.

Gail also shared the DBHDS submitted a grant application of 15 million dollars for a State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. Prevention efforts will receive about 3 million dollars of the grant which will reinforce efforts of the STR grant. A goal of the grant is to provide more ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) prepared communities. DBHDS aims to share grant funding through coalitions and in partnership with CCoVA.

DBHDS hosted a CADCA Academy August 1 – 3, 2018. There were 13 coalitions present during the three day training with a waitlist of eight coalitions. The academy involved three days of training and part two of the academy will be in November. In between training, coalitions will receive technical assistance. DBHDS is looking to host another cohort of the academy to provide training to additional coalitions. A goal is to continue to build the capacity of the coalitions.

Additionally, to gain access to the VirginiaPreventionWorks.org portal, email Marfel.Barnett@dbhds.virginia.gov.

VFHY News and Updates

Marge reported that VFHY is continuing to look at work around e-cigarettes, specifically “JUULs.” There are now other vape products that are similar to JUULs. VFHY has been tasked with forming a small group to identify how to assist schools with informing all of their staff about the vape products. An addition has been made to the VFHY Tobacco online module to address vaping and “juuling.” VFHY will be working with Department of Education on how to get this information into the school systems. Additionally, the module on e-cigarette and vaping use will be offered in Spanish in the near future.

Planning has begun for the next Virginia Youth Survey for Fall 2019 in partnerships with VDH. The process for reviewing questions will begin in October. There is limited room to add state added questions to the survey. VFHY makes a large effort to consolidate information into the survey so there isn’t oversaturation of surveys for audiences. This cycle there will be an online option of the survey, hopefully easier for schools to participate. By law, if a school is selected to participate they are required to participate; however, there is not a penalty if they do not participate. In the past, schools have requested oversampling to have more specific data; in the future, more school divisions may want local, more specific, data and requests for oversampling may happen more frequently.

VFHY hosts year-round, regional trainings typically highlighting obesity, tobacco use and substance use prevention, but are open to additional capacity building topics. If there are additional ideas for topics, contact Marty Kilgore or Marge White.

Marge shared that VFHY is continuing the 24/7 Campaign to keep schools tobacco free year-round, including school events. 36 school divisions of 120 have committed to this Campaign. While there is no legislation currently requiring schools to be tobacco free, VFHY will continue to work school division – by – school division to keep schools tobacco free. The 24/7 Campaign provides toolkits with resources to create policies, signage and enforcement tips.

VFHY’s next conference will be the Weight of the State conference on childhood obesity prevention. The 2020 conference will be on tobacco use prevention.

Virginia ABC News and Updates

Abby shared that Virginia ABC Education and Prevention Section has two new staff members: Amber Drew, Capacity Building Education and Prevention Coordinator and Colleen Howarth, Adult Education and Prevention Coordinator. Amber oversees the Alcohol Education and Prevention Grants, curriculum and causes. Colleen oversees the Higher Education Alcohol and Drug Strategic Unified Prevention (HEADS UP), Virginia Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee (VHESUAC), Project Sticker Shock and 21 and older programming.

VHESUAC is a new initiative of Virginia ABC mandated in §4.1 – 103.02. of the Code of Virginia as a result of a joint study with the Commission on Youth. This committee will have a two-tier structure with a workgroup and an executive council. The committee is tasked with making a statewide strategic plan, collecting statewide data and coaching universities to make their own substance use education and prevention strategic plan.

Virginia ABC awarded Alcohol Education and Prevention Grants totaling \$117,226 to 15 groups comprised of colleges and universities, community coalitions, community organizations, CSBs and police departments.

Abby also shared that Virginia ABC will be partnering with Virginia MADD to deliver Power of Parents to parents across the Commonwealth. This partnership will include the distribution of print materials for middle and high school parents, as well as training.

DSS News and Updates

Nicole reported that DSS is moving forward on implementing in October 2019, Title 4E Family First Prevention Program. They are using a three branch structure to lead in the development and implementation. The division is working very hard to be prepared for the 2019 implementation of this using workgroups and leadership teams. Funding will support prevention of child-abuse through evidence-based practices, including mental health, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and home visiting programs.

Nicole noted that House Bill 1157 indicates that VDH will be responsible for developing and implementing a plan for services for substance-exposed infants. Substance abuse prevention will be a part of this plan.

Additionally, Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative (VNPC) purchased and rolled out the Vermont Oxford Networks Universal Training Program and distributed to 38 hospitals in the Commonwealth. The indicator will help hospitals with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) scoring. VDH, along with Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association and Virginia March of Dimes will implement the training and audit package in an effort to improve care related to NAS.

DCJS News and Updates

Monica noted that they are continuing to look for grant funding. DCJS is currently funding substance abuse grants that are directly assisting students within the schools.

Kristina shared that Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop – tallcopsaystop.com) will be the presenter at High In Plain Sight: Current Alcohol, Drug, and Concealment Trends and Identifiers December 6, 2018 in Salem and December 17 in Fredericksburg. Jermaine shares information about “juuling” and may be a great resource for information to include when writing grants and addressing the youth of Virginia. You can register online for the trainings. The event is free, but there is a maximum capacity of 200 at each event. Currently over 160 are registered for each of the trainings.

Additionally, the Strengthening School Climate Conference will be November 27 – 28 in Richmond. There will be a resource fair if anyone is interested in sharing materials and resources.

CCoVA News and Updates

Mary reported that CCoVA's next monthly meeting will be on September 10 at the National Guard Office on Waller Road in Richmond. If you would like to be added to the CCoVA mailing list, contact Mary Crozier.

CCoVA is looking to expand its outreach to other professions and professionals to see what is being done in the realm of prevention. In their search, they have not found any harm reduction groups in Virginia. CCoVA is wondering if harm reduction has a role in any legislative activity; would "negotiation" help with moving towards the right direction? Marge noted that VDH does do a little in the realm of harm reduction. There is a group in Southwest Virginia that is actively pursuing a needle exchange program focusing around HIV and Hepatitis prevention. In the SOR grant that DBHDS applied for there is a piece for a mobile clinic that will have a needle exchange as a part of the program.

CCoVA is preparing for the upcoming Fall Summit, October 29 at Hotel Roanoke. There will be our tracks with a variety of tracks on prevention, recovery, marijuana and opioid usage. DBHDS and VFHY provided funding to sponsor presenters at the conference. Coalitions and CCoVA members will be present and have exhibit tables with resources and information.

Additionally, on the CCoVA website there are resources with updates on legislative issues that highlight legislation regarding substances.

Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force News and Updates

Doug shared that the socioeconomic disparity is growing in Southwest Virginia. In the area, methamphetamines use is the highest, with opioid use as a close second. Marijuana use is not regularly being tracked due to a high rate of usage.

There are now 32 Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in the state. Of the reported cases about 26% are marijuana, 22% are benzodiazepines, 12% are opioids, 9% are alcohol and 9% are amphetamines. In the state, the locality that has the most DRE officers is the Roanoke area. To become DRE certified it is about an 18 – 24 month process.

Doug provided an update on the Prevention Council of Roanoke's Urgent Love initiative – Lonely Dropbox. The initiative has gained traction and four additional drop boxes have made their way into pharmacies with additional drop boxes given to local law enforcement to use.

Doug also shared that Go Healthy West Piedmont (Patrick Henry, Franklin County, and Martinsville) funding from a VDH grant is coming to an end. This project addresses six of the eight dimensions of wellness. The group brings health screenings and exercise programs to churches and promotes healthy lifestyles through farmer markets, walking trails etc. He said that their project can be sustainable and that there is more work to be done. Marge noted that VFHY has targeted grants for obesity and tobacco use and are looking for sites that may lack resources.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Pendleton
VOSAP Facilitator